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STATE EMPLOYEES ENCOURAGED TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Recycling the focus of this year's celebration

People across the world will celebrate the 35th anniversary of Earth Day this Friday, April 22. This environmental holiday gives us an occasion each year for looking back and reflecting on progress we have made in protecting our environment but also for looking forward in preparation for challenges we still face.

State employees are encouraged this week to consider their individual impact on the environment and their personal responsibility to protect it.

State employees do have an impact. According to the Division of Waste Management, the average state employee produces one pound of recyclable paper about every three days.

State employees also make a difference. State workers recycle approximately 1,680 tons of paper per year – enough to fill 15 average size homes.

State employees last year submitted ideas to make state government greener. Several of these ideas, as well as opportunities to submit additional ideas, are posted on the State Employee Earth Day Web site at <http://www.environment.ky.gov/earthday/State+Employee+Earth+Day+Web+site.htm>.

Please visit this site to learn more about what you can do to join the millions of people celebrating this 35th anniversary of Earth Day.

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